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SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION TRANSFORMING

To celebrate its centenary year, the South African Scout Association, a member of the worldwide scouting movement, acknowledged for its expertise and achievements in developing millions of young people, unveiled a new contemporised logo on 24 February at an official event held in Cape Town's St. George's Cathedral, presided over by South Africa's Chief Scout, Rev. Vukile Mehana. The occasion also marked the founder's birthday.

The Scout movement, born from a seed planted in the mind of Robert Baden Powell back in 1899 when war broke out in South Africa, and when he realized that boys, if trained and trusted, could be as reliable as adult men. Baden Powell blew on his kudu horn, marking the beginning of the first ever Scout camp on Brownsea Island in England eight years later in 1907.

Nelson Mandela, Patron of the South African Scout Association, has said of our movement, "The International Scout Movement is a world leader in youth education, and has particular relevance to the needs of youth in Africa and the emerging democracies around the globe. I am pleased with the progress of Scouting in South Africa, and the steps which are now being taken to make the programme accessible to more young people. The importance of a high moral code, which is at the foundation of the Scout Movement, cannot be stressed too highly."

Our mission in Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals, and to play a constructive role in society. Scouting aims to develop strength of character, leadership skills, tolerance and, through contact with nature, a strong environmental ethic in our youth

SCENE - Scout Centre of Excellence for Nature and the Environment

I am sure you have heard someone say "I went to the Mafikeng SCENE". Great for South African Scouting, but are you aware of the magnitude of the whole SCENE concept? SCENES (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment) is a project of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) aimed at establishing a network of locations throughout the world to strengthen the three fundamental roles of Nature and Environment in Scouting:

- Education through nature and the environment;
- Learning about nature and the environment;
- Action for nature and the environment.

There are other SCENES scattered around the World not only at Mafikeng: In Austria Three in Denmark Iceland Switzerland - Australia and United States of America.

The SCENE'S Charter:

It is time for young people to play a more active role in creating tomorrow's world. As a SCENE Centre, open to all without distinction, we encourage:

The nurturing of the natural environment, by caring for soil, air, water, plants and animals given as precious gifts from the Creator.

The promotion of quality of life for all human beings by a wise use of natural resources.

The education of young people, by providing useful opportunities to learn and to take an active part in activities that touch the earth and our cultures.

Autumn 2008

CONGRATULATIONS SPRINGBOK SCOUT AWARDS



Jaryd Louter - Kwa-Zulu Natal
Jason Rogers - Tshwane
Toni Thompson - Tshwane
Gavin van Wyk - Tshwane
Christine Postma - Eastern Cape
Jason Hopgood - Eastern Cape
Melissa Miller - Western Cape
Motheo Tau - North West
Nkosane Nebe - North West
Kgalalelo Bareki - North West
Otsile Marumo - North West
Thabiso Kgori - North West
Thato Tau - North West
Liyanda Levono - North West
Lerato Maliti - North West
Nkagisang Legae - North West
Tshepo Magowe - North West
Sindiswa Lolwane - North West
Tuelo Boikanyo - North West
Khotso Mosala - North West
Justin Leach - Gauteng
Angelique Hosli - Gauteng
Trevor Strauss - Gauteng
Richard Lievaart - Gauteng
Matthew de Klerk - Gauteng
Kylie-Anne Hurley-Miller - Gauteng
Jason Gradwell - Gauteng
Byron Micklethwaite - Gauteng
Warryn Cock - Gauteng

The communication of good ideas, by sharing our best with others and by hearing what others have done in the worldwide SCENES network, and in organizations outside Scouting.

If your Troop has not yet visited Mafikeng SCENE, it is time you made plans to visit, and enter the event into your programme diary.

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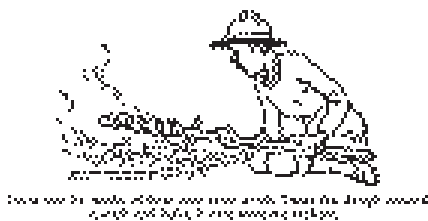
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be prepared....

IS YOUR PATROL CAMPING???

As our founder, B-P said "Camping is the best opportunity for the Troop Scouter to see if the training in the "den" is working." Patrol camping is the only way Scouts should put their experience to the test. Troop camps, where the Patrol system is not followed, allows the "weaker" Patrol Leader to hide his lack of experience or "laziness" in the overall programme and get away with it. He gains nothing in the exercise other than having a good time. Not all P/Ls are leaders; they are leaders in training, and unless they are given the opportunity to "lead" they will never get the hang of it.

Right from the time the Patrol in Council decides, or is encouraged, to go camping, that Patrol should be expected to do all the planning under the guidance of the Troop Scouter. Where the camp will be. Permission to camp there. Arrange for the Consent forms and Activity Permit to be completed and signed.

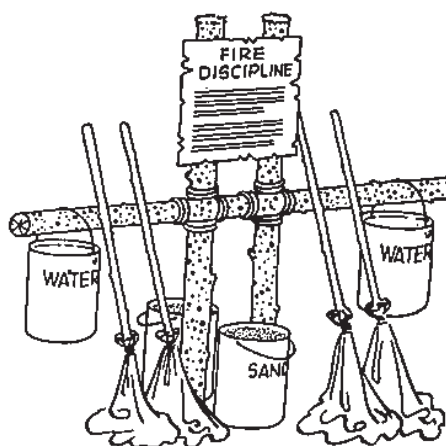


Produce the camp programme. Get their gear and tent in order. Make out the camp menu, cost it and arrive at a camp fee. Purchase the food and arrange transport to the campsite and return home.

The P/L does not do all of this himself; he gets his whole Patrol involved and so enthuses his scouts to feel part of the planning team.

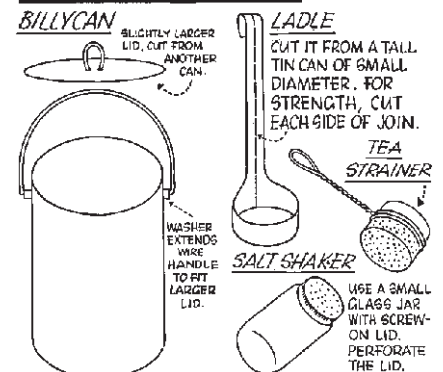
Well, what are we waiting for? Let's go camping!

CAMP GEAR DOES NOT HAVE TO COST A GREAT DEAL, - YOU CAN MAKE THEM YOURSELF!!!



A CAMP FIRE STATION

MAKE YOUR OWN!



BILLYCAN
SLIGHTLY LARGER LID, CUT FROM ANOTHER CAN.
MADE FROM 750g INSTANT COFFEE CAN, WITH RIM CUT AWAY. (MAKE DIFFERENT SIZES FROM VARIOUS CANS. AVOID CANS THAT HAVE CONTAINED PESTICIDES, ETC.)

MUG
USE SMALL TIN CAN. FILE EDGE OF RIM. BIND WIRE HANDLE WITH THIN PLASTIC-COATED WIRE OR MAKE MUG FROM PLASTIC CONTAINER.

COLANDER
NAIL HOLES IN BOTTOM AND SIDES, TO DRAIN WATER FROM BOILED POTATOES, PUMPKIN, RICE, ETC.

EGG SLICE
TIN, WITH ROUNDED CORNERS, BENT AS SHOWN. SLIT WOOD HANDLE AND FIT TO TIN WITH NAILS. BIND WITH THIN WIRE.

FORK
FASHION IT FROM THICK WIRE. SHARPEN THE POINTS.

GRILLER
MAKE FRAME FROM THICK WIRE. WIND HANDLE ROUND CENTRE WIRE. USE THINNER WIRE FOR THE MESH.

ROLLING PIN AND PASTRY BOARD
A GLASS BOTTLE WITH A SCREW-TOP, FILLED WITH WATER, MAKES A GOOD ROLLING PIN. USE SCRAP WOOD, CHIP OR HARDBOARD FOR A PASTRY BOARD.

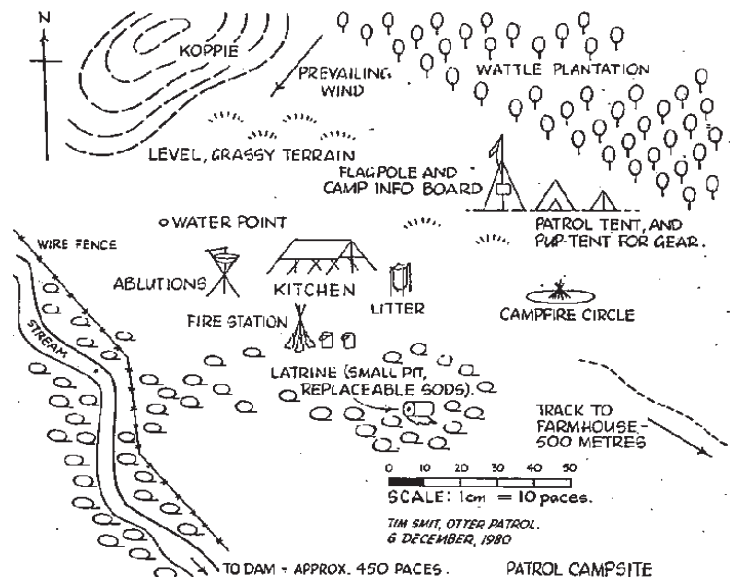
TWIST OVEN
A TIN CAN "POT" WITH A DIFFERENCE. A WIRE SKEWER IS PASSED THROUGH BOTTOM AND LID OF CAN, WITH BREAD TWIST (OR MEAT, OR KABOB) ON SKEWER. JUST LAY "OVEN" ON EMBERS, AND RAKE EMBERS AROUND.

WATER DIPPER
PLATES & DISHES
CUT VARIOUS TIN CANS AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS. USE ONLY PLASTIC VESSELS THAT HAVE CONTAINED EDIBLE FOOD OR LIQUIDS. AVOID CANS THAT HAVE CONTAINED HARMFUL SUBSTANCES.

VIC CLAPHAM "VELT LORE"

PLAN YOUR CAMPSITE BEFOREHAND

Visit the proposed campsite beforehand and avoid disappointment by finding yourself trying to set-up your camp in the middle of a marsh land. Draw a plan of your layout beforehand as suggested.



DUTY TO GOD



Prayers for a Patrol Camp...

Morning prayer.

O loving Father, we thank you for your protection through the night, and for the countless other blessings. Cleanse us in body, mind and soul, as the morning dew cleanses the grasses of the veld. light the fires of friendship and service in our hearts and walk beside us through this day, to the setting of the sun, Amen.

Evening Prayer.

O loving father, Who has been our guide and guardian throughout this day, we thank you for the many blessings you have showered upon us. Father, watch over us as we sleep through the night, that we may rest safely, and awaken to receive your glorious gift of a new dawn. Amen.

Grace before meals.

For food, fun and fellowship we thank you, O Father - and may others fare as well as we are, Amen.

CAMP/HIKE COOKING!

Is your Patrol out Camping or Hiking? Here are some cooking ideas from Vic Clapham as part of "Veld Lore". Ernest Thompson Seaton, famous writer, artist and naturalist whose ideas contributed much to Scouting, collaborated with Baden-Powell in 1910, in writing a book called "A Handbook of Woodcraft, Scouting and Life-Craft". This recipe for Camp Bread, a handy one for a hiker was included.

CAMP BREAD

Mix two cupfuls of self raising flour, sufficient salt, one tablespoon of shortening (e.g. cooking fat) with enough water to work it into a firm dough and shape into wafers (biscuits) about two centimeters thick by 75mm diameter. Place them in a greased tin or use a foil sheet on a wire frame. Tilt the sheet against a hot smoldering log, facing the fire not too close. Bake, turning pan, until the bread browns.

Twist Bread

Mix the same dough as for the Camp Bread. Roll the dough into a long "sausage" shape, as thick as your thumb. Twist dough around a de-barked greenstick and cook over hot embers, turning occasionally. For a sweet bread add a bit of sugar when mixing the dough. To add food value, add seedless raisins, currants, chopped dates or nuts to the dough.

Note: For twists and kebabs, choose your greenstick carefully. Some woods give off an unpleasant taste to food, and some woods are poisonous. Use a wood you know to be safe. You could wrap the greenstick in foil before twisting on the dough and avoid getting the taste of the wood onto your bread.

ROAST POTATOES

Wash potatoes and bury them in their skins deep in the embers of your fire. They can be wrapped in foil and prepared in the same way. For a medium size potato about 20 minutes is all that is required. Another way is to peel the potatoes, wrap in double foil with a dab of cooking oil or bacon fat.

GRILLED FISH

Scale gut and wash fish, leaving the head and tail. Cut a suitable stick about 12 centimeters longer than the fish itself with one end sharpened. Tie the fish to the stick by its tail. Push the pointed end of the stick into the embers until the fish head is covered. Baste the fish with cooking oil. Cooking time in hot embers about 15 minutes.

FOILED FISH

Prepare the fish as above, again leaving on head and tail. Place fish on foil, fold and crimp the ends to make a tight packet. Lay packet on glowing embers for 5 minutes, turn packet over for another 5 minutes. Open, salt and eat. On a muddy river bank the fish can be coated in mud to about 2 centimetres thick, and placed under the embers. When cooked, crack and peel back the hardened clay.

BAKED APPLE

Wash and core a large apple. Fill the hole with sugar, raisins and a dab of margarine. Grease doubled foil with margarine and wrap apple in the foil and bake in hot embers, turning occasionally.

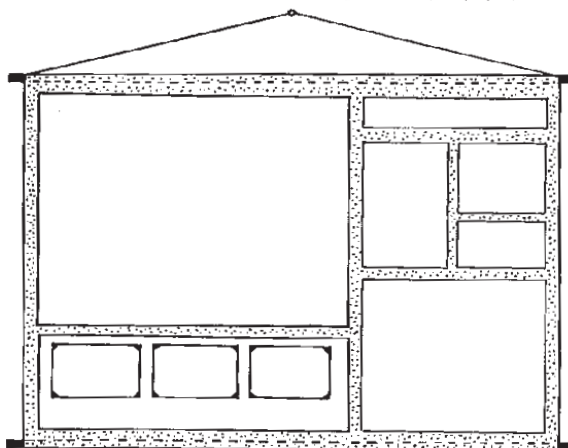
BAKED BANANAS

Place ripe, unpeeled bananas on hot embers. Roast for a few minutes on each side. Rake out bananas and slit down the centre with a knife. Sprinkle the fruit inside the blackened skin with sugar; add a few drops of lemon juice if desired. Eat from the skins.

BULLIED EGG

Using a fryingpan made from doubled foil, fry a slice of bread for each person in cooking or bacon fat. Also fry a slice of bullybeef using a sharp knife,

A PORTABLE ROLL-UP I-BOARD FOR CAMP! THIS CAN BE MADE FROM TOUGH SCRAP PLASTIC SHEET... OR ANY STRONG FABRIC, WITH THIN STICKS SEWN IN TOP AND BOTTOM, PLUS A CORD FOR HANGING.
● *FEATURE CAMP RULES, PROGRAMMES, MENUS, TRAINING NOTES, VISUAL AIDS, PHOTOS, NEWS, ETC.*
● *USE PINS OR SCOTCH TAPE TO AFFIX ITEMS.*



then fry an egg each and serve bullybeef on bread topped with a fried egg. Bullybeef, though not cheap, is a good way to carry meat on a hike. The tin of bullybeef can be shared between the whole patrol.

HIKEBURGER

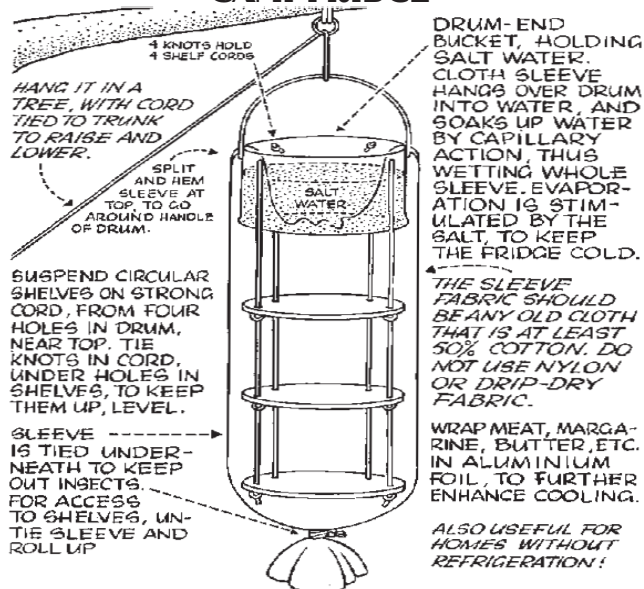
Before setting out, cut two thick slices of bread and lightly spread on margarine. Then grate on cheddar cheese to one slice, thickly. Add a little finely chopped onion. Place the other slice of bread on top to make a sandwich. Now place half a rasher of bacon on each side of the sandwich wrap it all in doubled foil. This makes a quick lunch dish, cooked fast in foil.

FOILED STEW

Make up individual packs for each person before leaving on a hike. Dice up some bullybeef or other canned meat, potatoes and small onion chopped finely. Carrots, tomato or peas can be added. Add in a finely chopped rasher of bacon with some margarine. Season as required with salt and pepper. Wrap the portion carefully in doubled foil with ends well crimped. If the pack is not airtight, the juices will run out and you will be eating a burned offering. When the time comes, cook under hot embers for about 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the heat of your fire.

When drawing up menus and preparing food, bear in mind the religious or dietary constraints (vegetarian or don't eat certain types of meat etc.) of each member of the camping or hiking party.

CAMPFRIDGE



NOTE: SALT WATER IS BETTER, BUT YOU CAN ALSO USE UNSALTED WATER.



kandersteg
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WORK IN KANDERSTEG

Want to spend three months, having the time of your life in the Swiss Alps? Make international friendships that will last a lifetime? Spend your days having fun and all for World Scouting?

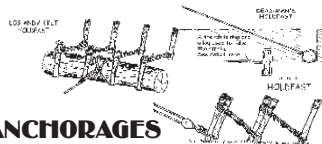
Become part of the Staff Team, volunteer Scouts and Guides who run the World Centre in Switzerland. Working in KISC is an amazing experience, it is a chance to explore the Alps. Every three months a new group of Scouts arrive at the Centre and leave as friends. You must be 18 years of age, a member of SA Scouting, get an OK from your Provincial Scout Office and SAHQ. For details of all positions, Short or Long Term, visit the KISC website:

www.kisc.ch/?tkw=jobvacancies

HAVE YOU SEEN THE VAST RANGE OF PROGRAMME HELP PRO-PLAN CHARTS AVAILABLE?

Scouting South Africa have made available this long list of Pro-Plan Charts for both Cub and Scout programme planners in excellent detail.

Go to www.scouting.org.za/library/ and click on Pro-Plan Charts at the bottom of the page. If you are not on the web, ask your Provincial Head-quarters to print out a copy of the Pro-Plan Chart or Charts you require. There could be a charge, but every chart will make your job as a leader so much easier. Build up a file of charts in a plastic sleeve booklet and you will have them on hand whenever needed.



ONE OF THE FIRST SCOUT MASTER'S IN SOUTH AFRICA



**Scout Master
Mr George French**

1st Claremont Scout Group

"3rd March 1908 a great day, our Scout Troop held its first meeting. Two of our Scouts, Fred and Charles Stern, read about the new movement in England and approached our school headmaster, Mr George French, to form a Scout Troop. He became our first Scoutmaster, and our first big undertaking was an expedition with all our gear in a hand cart. We trekked from Claremont to Strandfontein and back. This took us across sandy tracks and flooded areas of the Cape Flats."

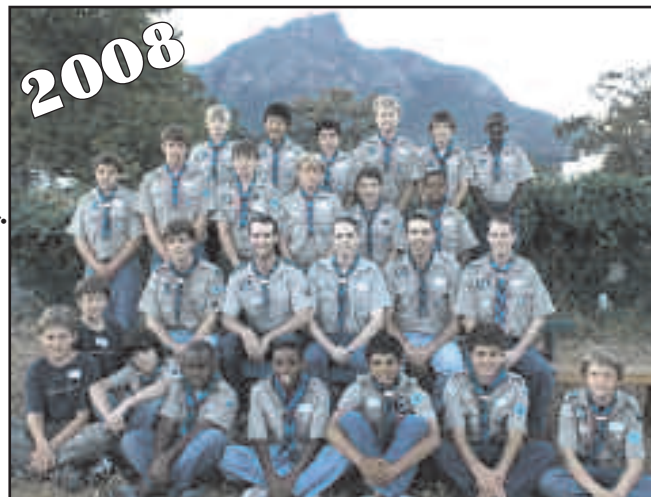
Other Troops were also formed at about that time 1st Observatory Scouts were formed then, but unfortunately closed a few years ago and so ended a long rivalry between two great Troops which lasted so many years.

1st Claremont today consists of 20 scouts and six dedicated leaders, Ross McDonald and Ian Webb, are former Springbok Scouts and are still involved with the Troop. On Saturday, the 1st March 2008-100 years from that momentous occasion, the Group held a reunion at their hall, which was well attended.

Go to www.scouting.org.za/groups/1stclaremont and see their historic achievements.



*Scout Master George French
with the troop and a tortoise*



*The troop, with their leaders at
the centenary reunion*

**100 YEARS
APART!!!**

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